

Remarks

Summary

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-19 remain in the application. Claims 1-11 are allowed as in the previous Office Action. Claim 12 has been amended.

Amendments to the Specification

The specification was amended to correct typographical errors. No new matter has been introduced.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 – Claim 12

In “Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103,” the fifth paragraph on page 2 of the above-identified Office Action, claims 12-13 and 19 have been rejected as being unpatentable over U.S. Published Patent Application No. US 2003/0022703, accorded to *Reshefsky*, (hereinafter *Reshefsky*) in view of U.S. Published Patent Application No. US 2001/0050993, accorded to *Douglas* (hereinafter *Douglas*) under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Applicant presumes the references in paragraph 2 on page 3 are to *Douglas*.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner’s analysis of *Reshefsky* in view of *Douglas* and the claims presented. Nonetheless, in the interest of expeditiously bringing prosecution on the merits to an end, Applicant has amended various claims as set forth above. All amendments are fully supported by the original disclosure and no new matter has been introduced.

Claim 12 has been amended to require

- two plugs respectively coupled to the earpiece receiver and the microphone,
- to facilitate (a) removable attachment of ... headset to a wireless mobile phone via two corresponding complementary interfaces ..., an input-output interface and an output interface, where telephony and non-telephony audio signals are outputted on both interfaces, and

- to facilitate (b) transfer of telephony and non-telephony audio signals from said wireless mobile phone to said first earpiece receiver via the output interface and the plug mating with the output interface, and transfer of audio inputs from said microphone to said wireless mobile phone via the input-output interface and the plug mating with the input-output interface.

That is, the plugs are coupled to the earpiece and mic in such a manner that only telephony and non-telephony audio signals received through the plug mating with the output interface are transferred to the earpiece receiver. The telephony and non-telephony signals available at the input-output interface are not transferred, thereby maintaining the quality of user experience, but allowing the wireless mobile phone to output the telephony and non-telephony audio signals on both interfaces (e.g. for compatibility reasons).

Reshefsky and Douglas in combination do not teach or suggest such novel arrangement to accommodate the redundant output behavior of a phone (done e.g. for compatibility reasons).

As discussed in the last response, Reshefsky merely teaches only one “plug”.

While Douglas teaches of noise reduction headphones with a connector having two jacks, the jacks are identical. More importantly, both jacks are employed to transfer audio signals to the headphone.

Accordingly, Applicant submits Douglas does not remedy the deficiency of Reshefsky. Therefore, claim 12 is patentable over Reshefsky in view of Douglas.

Claims 13 and 19 depend from claim 12, incorporating its limitations. Therefore, for at least the reasons above, claims 13 and 19 are also patentable over Reshefsky in view of Douglas.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103 – CLAIMS 14 AND 16

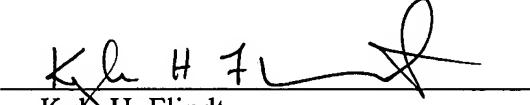
In “Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103,” the fifth paragraph on page 3 of the above-identified final Office Action, claims 14 and 16 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Reshefsky and Douglas further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,594,366, accorded to *Adams* (hereinafter Adams) under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

CONCLUSION

As a result of the amendments made herein, Applicant submits that claims 1-19 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present paper, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at 503-222-9981. If any fees are due in connection with filing this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the Deposit Account of Schwabe, Williamson and Wyatt, P.C., No. 50-0393.

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Adams does not remedy the previously discussed deficiencies of Reshefsky and Douglas. Accordingly, claim 12 remains patentable over Reshefsky and Douglas, even when further combined with Adams.

Claims 14 and 16 depend from claim 12 incorporating its limitations. Accordingly, for at least the same reasons, claims 14 and 16 are patentable over the cited references.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103 – CLAIMS 15, 17 AND 18

In “Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103,” the third paragraph on page 3 of the above-identified final Office Action, claims 15, 17 and 18 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Reshefsky and Douglas and further in view of U.S. Published Patent Application No. US 2003/0104842, accorded to *Choi, et al.* (hereinafter Choi) under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Choi does not remedy the previously discussed deficiencies of Reshefsky and Douglas. Accordingly, claim 12 remains patentable over Reshefsky and Douglas, even when further combined with Choi.

Claims 15, 17 and 18 depend from claim 12 incorporating its limitations. Accordingly, for at least the same reasons, claims 15, 17 and 18 are patentable over the cited references.